

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Marc E. Feinberg  
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For : TISSUE APPROXIMATION DEVICE  
TC/Art Unit : 3773  
Examiner : Melissa K. RYCKMAN  
Docket No. : ETH-5092  
Customer No.: 25570

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is filed on even date herewith, so as to extend the period for response to June 13, 2009.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

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Amendment

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 14 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including new Fig. 12 is provided following page 18 of this paper.